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Amend paragraph [0006] to read as follows:

[0010] The present invention is directed to a system for and a method of preventing the reporting of multiple reads of ~~optical~~ ~~code data~~ from tags or label via a data reader at the point of sale, the system being particularly useful for reading tags and labels such as optical codes affixed to weighable items and food items at the point of sale.